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NOTED SPEAKERS AT STATE CONFERENCE

In response to the urgent invitation of the Program Committee of the State Conference, Rev. Theodore G. Soares will be present and deliver the opening address on Tuesday afternoon, October 17th. He will also conduct a seminar on religious education the following morning. Dr. Soares is one of the country's foremost authorities on religious education and for many years was connected with the University of Chicago. He is now on the faculty of California Institute of Technology, and is pastor of the Fellowship Church at Pasadena. He is a Baptist minister, and the church which he is serving is a Federation of local Congregational and Unitarian organizations.

As announced in the last issue, Rev. Albert W. Palmer will give three addresses. It is hoped by the committee that a complete program for the Conference will be announced in the September issue.

P. S. R. STUDENTS READY TO SERVE

Pacific School of Religion has just finished one of the best years in its history, with a body of 93 students, all of them representing a high degree of preparation and ability. The applications of new students for next year are more numerous than ever before. Unfortunately, a considerable proportion of them will not be able to enter the school unless they can finance their way by some kind of remunerative employment. All are college graduates, have had experience in religious work, and would make useful workers with boys, girls or young people, or as general parish assistants. Churches which have employed students from Pacific School of Religion in the past have found that they get value received and more. At the same time, such part-time employment assists young persons who are preparing for a religious life work. The school has limited scholarship funds which are used to supplement what the churches can pay. Pastors and church officials who can make use of student help are asked to address Pacific School of Religion, 1798 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, or call up AShberry 0529.

Youth Will Be Served

Present indications point to a splendid attendance at the Asilomar Conference for Young People, July 29th to August 5th. Rev. James H. Price, who is in charge of promotion, reports that more church groups are working to send delegates than ever before. Last year out of a total of 100 churches only 30 were represented. This year the number will probably be increased to 40.

The registration fee is $2.00 if paid before July 15th. Subsequent to that date the rate will be increased to $2.50. It is recommended that where young people are unable to entirely finance themselves, that assistance be given by the church school. Delegates from some churches are being sponsored by the Women's Society, and others are being helped by friendly contributions. All registrations should be mailed to the Conference office.

1932 A YEAR OF PROGRESS

Northern California Statistics Reveal that High Point in Church Membership was reached during 1932

Figures concerning the progress of our Northern California churches in 1932 have been crowded out of the last two issues of THE PACIFIC. Pending the receipt of the new Congregational Year Book, our readers will be glad to have the following facts:

During the year we had a gain in membership, bringing the total in the Conference to 19,797, which is the high-water mark for years. Of this number 1862 are absentees, which is about the number previously reported.

During 1932 a total of 1330 were received into membership, of which 761 were on Confession of Faith. There were only 46 more persons received in 1932 than in 1931, but the losses of membership were less than the previous year by 522. Considering the difficulties of persuading people to unite with the church when times are bad and they feel unable to do their part, this is a most encouraging report.

As in former years, a considerable number of churches having pastors and carrying on active programs received no members, the number being 18. There were 6 churches practically inactive that received no new members. So that in one-fourth of our churches there were none received. Berkeley First takes the palm with 148 new members, Sacramento is in second place with 120, and Santa Cruz third with 112.

The year 1931 showed a pronounced gain in Sunday School enrollment and the membership of Young People's Societies. There had been steadily declining totals for several years prior to that time. Losses showed again in 1932—439 for the Sunday School and 178 for the Young People's Societies. These are departments of our work which need our most careful attention and most enthusiastic promotion.

Salaries showed a drop of 10 per cent over those reported in 1931, although there is some doubt whether the figures give an altogether true picture on account of the fact that some churches have continued to report the salary previously paid and accept from their minister a substantial contribution instead of voting an outright reduction. The home expenses of the churches show a decline of almost exactly 25 per cent. This is due to reductions in salaries and other church expenses, but also to the fact that during the year there were no building operations and no great reductions on church debts, both of which items are reported under home expenses.

Property values to the total amount of more than $46,000 were written off. This was probably due to a revaluation of church properties on account of the lower cost of replacement.

MODOC Y. P. CAMP

A Young People's Camp for Northeastern California will be held in the region of Fall River Mills for six days, beginning June 12th. Rev. and Mrs. Westwood Wallace of Adin have been the leaders in promoting the Conference, and will be on the faculty. They will be assisted by Mrs. H. J. Loken and Miss Mary Coxhead of Alturas, and Rev. Ernest Houlding of Benicia, who is being sent under the direction of the Conference Committee on Religious Education and Young People's Work. The Conference will be attended by young people from Alturas, Likely and Big Valley. Invitations have also been extended to Methodist young people at Cedarville and the Fall River Valley.

Dr. Wirt Recovering

Friends of Rev. Loyal Lincoln Wirt will be glad to know that while he was seriously ill during the spring, and is still weak, he has made progress, and the doctor hopes to have him back in the harness before long.

RESPONSE

"Lift up your heart!"—
We bring them, dull with care,
Or heavy with the fruits of bitterness.
Lo! in each miracle of worship shared,
Love burns away the dross,
And what seemed poor and mean
Now gleams with Heaven's own gold!
Yea, shepherd, at thy winged words
Our quickened hearts with beauty burn—
"We lift them up unto the Lord."

—Dorothy Durham.

BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS

The Pastors' Book Club for the coming year will be on a slightly different basis than in the past. Each member will pay his share of the total cost of the books, and each will receive a book at the end of the period. The committee, consisting of Rev. Lawrence Wilson, Rev. E. T. Sherman and Superintendent Harley H. Gill have made the selections. During the summer the books will be purchased, and the clerical work in preparing them for circulation will be completed. The books will be mailed early in September. Following is the list of titles selected. It is published in advance, that members will be informed, thereby avoiding purchases for their own libraries of any of the selections:

1. Holman. "The Cure of Souls."
2. Lyman. "The Meaning and Truth of Religion.
3. Schweitzer. "Out of My Life and Thought."
4. Booth. "The World of Jesus."
5. Jacks. "The Education of the Whole Man."
6. McConnell. "The Christian Idea and Social Control."
7. Shillito. "Nationalism — Man's Other Religion."
8. Bower. "Religion and the Good Life."
9. Tittle. "Jesus Nineteen Centuries After."
10. Carrier. "How Shall I Learn to Teach Religion?"

There is a possibility that books numbered 8, 9 or 10 will not appear on the final list. This will depend entirely on the number of pastors who sign up.

REAL TRAINING FOR LEADERSHIP

If there are any doubts as to the value of Asilomar as a training school for leaders among our young people, these doubts should be dissipated by an examination of the subjects to be presented this year. There will be courses on the "Appreciation and Use of the Bible" for both high school and college young people. Dr. George P. Hedley of the Pacific School of Religion will be in charge. Prof. Earl Linsley, president of the East Bay Council of Dry Organizations, will give courses for both high school and college people on "Alcohol and Man." Rev. Sherwood F. Moran from Osaka, Japan, will present the problems which missions are facing in Japan. The "Fundamentals of Christian Faith" will be presented by Rev. Gail Cleland of Alameda, to high school students, under the theme, "The Audacious Adventure of Religion," and to college young people in answer to the question, "What Can We Believe?" Rev. Norman Pendleton, well-known authority on social problems, will give courses on "Christian Citizenship" and the "Christian Economic Order." Those interested in personal problems will find Mrs. T. E. Borden of Alameda, and Rev. Norman B. Henderson of Fresno, able leaders and counsellors. Mrs. Virginia O. Morgan will have two classes in "Dramatics," and Rev. Ralph C. Waddell will have courses on "Leadership in Group Discussion."

At the evening services the worship will be under the direction of the young people from different churches, and addresses will be delivered by Professor Linsley, Mr. Moran and Rev. O. W. S. McCall, who will be the chaplain. Recreation will be under the direction of Rev. Richard R. Morgan, director of student work at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley.

Room and board in the tent houses for the week will be $15.10, but if there is a total registration of 230, that amount will be reduced to $14.50. The registration fee, which is additional, will be $2.00 if mailed to the Conference office before July 15th.

West Bay Cacoypa Rally

The First Congregational Church of San Francisco will be hosts to the West Bay Cacoypa at a basket dinner and program rally on Tuesday, June 13th. All young people of the West Bay area, from Fairfax to San Jose, are urged to come, bringing lunch with them. It is hoped that all will arrive at the church at Post and Mason Streets as near 6:30 as possible.

Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, the new pastor of First Church, has been asked to bring a special message. Societies are urged to help with short plays or skits. There will be three awards, consisting of registrations at the young people's Conference: one to the largest delegation, one to the society having the largest percentage of its membership present, and one to the society whose attending delegation records the greatest number of miles traveled.

The West Bay Cacoypa has just been organized, with Miss Ida Nicholas, president; Charles Lord, vice-president, and Miss Ernestine Prather, secretary.

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An Indian Funeral

Just what is being faced by Miss Mary Coxhead, our missionary among the Indians in Modoc County, is indicated by the following, which is taken from a letter to the Conference office from Rev. H. J. Loken, pastor at Alturas:

"I was inducted into the mysteries of the Indian traditions last Friday afternoon when I helped Mary Coxhead to conduct an Indian funeral. The whole thing was on the borderline of farce and tragedy, one scarcely knowing whether to laugh or weep. It was in the hands of the Indian authorities. An old chief and his associates harangued the red men for two or three hours out in a bitter cold wind that was blowing down from the snow-clad peaks. The victim was a certain Emma, an old, famous character in town. The casket was regaled with paper flowers (there are no flowers out yet) made by the hands of the squaws themselves. They were works of art, I am bound to say. The funeral procession was a line of rickety autos —most of them salvaged from junk piles about town. It took the procession about an hour to move from Emma's place to the cemetery (about ten blocks). We were held up twice by blow-outs that had to be mended, and once by a switch engine that blocked our way, as if all the elements were conspiring to keep poor Emma's mortal remains from being decently buried. To cap the climax a Holy Roller type of evangelist came over at the last moment to take the services out of Miss Coxhead's hands. She stood her ground (she had been engaged by the son to perform the funeral rites, but this brazen egotist, a kind of special prosecuting attorney for the Almighty, came along to assume the duties at the last moment).

"That night she held a special service at the church, with a goodly company of Indians out here at the local church. I spoke to them and had very excellent attention. But I have a very uneasy feeling about my qualification as an Indian preacher.

"I am telling you these things with some of these detailed highlights, to make it clearer what a problem Miss Coxhead is facing in her work here. The Indians are completely emancipated from their own tribal customs and religious sanctions, and have no strong hand to reach into their lives to brace them. They are preyed upon by bootleggers and religious fanatics. Under the circumstances Mary, it seems to me, is doing all that any mortal can do. It is slow and discouraging work. But she knows the Indians and is almost uncanny in her institutions about them."

"Are your parents Catholic, Protestant or Hebrew?" was asked of a mountain high school boy. "I don't know," was the reply. Religion even in its broadest terms had never entered his life.—F. M. Duckles.

OUR SINCERE THANKS

The first five months of '32 and '33

Herewith is set forth the record of 59 of our churches and their giving thus far in 1933. In column 1 we find the receipts for all benevolences for the month of May, in column 2 the receipts for the five months of the calendar year up to the end of May, and in column 3 the figures for the corresponding five months of 1932. It will be noted that the receipts this year are almost exactly $1,000 behind those of 1932. There are 8 of the churches who had made remittances at this time a year ago and whom we have not heard from this year. On the other hand, there are 11 who have been heard from in 1933 that had not sent in money up to June 1, 1932. A number of churches have sent more money, and others have sent less. There still remain 40 churches in the Conference from whom no remittances were received in the first five months of either year. We are just now entering into the summer season, which is always a difficult time for churches and still more difficult for the Missionary Boards and for the Conference Pastors and treasurers, and Missionary Committees are earnestly urged to gather up all possible money that is available and forward it to the Conference treasurer before the summer vacation. Thank you sincerely.

	May, 1933	Jan. 11 to May 31, 1933	Jan. 11 to May 31, 1932
Adin		$ 10.52	$ 40.57
Alameda		92.54	
Angel's Camp		20.00	25.00
Antioch		11.10	
Auburn		12.00	
Benecia			25.50
Berkeley—			
First	645.00	2,581.00	2,580.00
North	89.07	338.80	360.22
Park			24.00
Campbell	30.00	105.00	
Ceres		23.66	85.00
Cloverdale	7.03	41.64	66.33
Cotati	4.34	45.45	52.59
Crockett	22.50	43.05	51.75
Eureka		55.05	52.78
Fairfax	10.00	20.00	30.00
Ferndale		122.76	95.76
Fowler		10.00	
Fresno—First		75.00	162.50
Grass Valley			10.38
Guerneville			25.00
Kenwood	16.13	16.13	14.46
Lodi—First	120.00	320.00	660.00
Loomis			10.00
Martinez		22.10	
Murphy		40.00	
Oakland—			
First	580.00	2,136.45	2,258.00
Fruitvale		4.00	
Olivet			5.15
Plymouth	3.50	303.50	450.00
Oroville			30.00
Pacific Grove	73.70	155.95	104.75
Palo Alto	100.00	350.00	625.00
Paradise		38.00	50.00
Pescadero			5.00
Petaluma		210.57	260.00
Pittsburg		15.06	35.00
Redwood City		135.00	196.85
Ripon	5.00	20.00	20.00
Sacramento	5.00	240.00	275.00
Salida		7.00	31.00
San Francisco—			
Bethany-Mission Park	120.00	125.00	110.00
First	500.00	505.00	
Richmond	6.00	18.00	19.00
San Jose	50.00	310.00	367.85
San Leandro			69.59
Santa Cruz		251.00	200.00
Santa Rosa	14.00	73.99	112.51
Saratoga		100.00	225.00
Sebastopol	24.88	71.53	38.50
Sonoma	20.00	45.00	
Soquel		10.00	
Stockton		239.20	433.33
Suisun		30.00	50.00
Sunnyvale		9.40	7.00
Tulare	30.00	70.00	115.75
Weaverville	13.75	13.75	13.75
Woodside		41.50	41.50
Reno, Nev.		98.63	159.80
Miscellaneous		211.00	105.00
	$2,489.90	$9,844.33	$10,831.17

The Mount Hermon Federated School of Missions will be held at Mount Hermon, July 8th to 15th. Courses will be given on the mission study books, while lectures and addresses will be presented in the evenings. Those who are interested should write to Mrs. W. S. Angwin, 1836 Clemens Road, Oakland.

Pescadero Recognized

At a recent meeting of the Santa Clara Association application was made by this church for recognition and admission to the Association. After hearing statements by Rev. J. L. Rollins, the pastor, and Mr. George Gianola, delegate, the Association unanimously voted to receive the church and appointed a committee to arrange for a service of recognition. This committee, under the leadership of Rev. C. G. Marshall of Sunnyvale, prepared a program and enlisted the co-operation of the churches in sending delegates for the recognition service at Pescadero on May 19th.

The Pescadero people served a most delicious dinner, after which there were toasts and expressions of appreciation of the hospitality rendered. Rev. J. H. Bennett of Campbell served as Moderator, and Rev. W. E. Eckles of San Jose as Scribe. Greetings were expressed to the church by delegations present and were read from churches that were not represented. Rev. Burton M. Palmer offered the recognition prayer. Following the sermon, which was preached by Rev. Harley H. Gill, Superintendent, the members of the Pescadero Church were asked to come forward and an invitation extended to any others to take their stand by uniting with the church. Three were thus added. The Pescadero Church is unique in having a majority of male members. Rev. J. L. Rollins serves the church, although it is necessary for him to make a portion of his livelihood in other ways. There were many expressions of joy because of the organization of this new church in a field where discouragements had made it seem necessary to give up the work several years ago.

UPPER BAY MEETING

The Upper Bay Association was the guest of the Crockett Federated Church on Friday, May 5th. Every church was represented by pastor and delegates. The new church at Ambrose was given an especial welcome, it having been admitted into the Association at a special meeting earlier this spring. Rev. Harold Kingsley of Chicago, Rev. Henry Stauffer of Antioch, and Superintendent Harley H. Gill delivered addresses. Mrs. E. B. Mead and Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins spoke during the women's hour. Mrs. LaVeta Byerrum was elected Moderator, and Rev. C. C. Champlin, Registrar for the coming year. The next meeting of the Association will be at Benicia.

M. E. M. CONFERENCE

The M. E. M. Conference which will be held at Asilomar, August 5th to 12th, promises much in the way of interest and helpfulness. Due to one or two uncertainties, it is impossible at this time to announce the program of speakers and leaders. There will be forums and discussion groups on the recent appraisal of the foreign missionary enterprise and on the two study books for the coming year: "The Never Failing Light" and "Christianity and Industry in America."

Bishop L. C. Sanford of Fresno will preach the sermon on Sunday morning. Rev. Stanley Armstrong Hunter will conduct the chapel services, and Rev. J. C. Worley will be in charge of the Vespers.

The registration fee has been reduced to $2.50 and this, together with the shortened period for board and room, will bring down the total cost to about $18.00. For further information write to Mrs. R. W. Blosser, secretary, 220 Moncada Way, San Francisco.

CHURCH NEWS

SALIDA. At a recent communion service 75 persons wererpe etaoi vice 75 persons were present. During the week before Easter, services were held every night, the average attendance being 42. The 20 new members were welcomed by the older members at a pot luck supper in connection with the annual meeting of the church. Rev. A. T. Davies is the pastor.

LODI. The Annual Mothers' and Daughters' Dinner, sponsored by the Mothers' Circle, was largely attended. On Memorial Sunday, members of the G. A. R., the Women's Relief Corps, and the Daughters of Veterans were guests of the church. In the evening a sacred concert was presented by the choir. Rev. E. T. Sherman is the pastor.

BERKELEY PARK. Attendance for May averaged 150 per week, and this was for religious services, there being neither suppers nor social occasions. The Sunday morning attendance was the largest during the present pastorate. Rev. T. E. Watt is very happily encouraged.

OAKLAND. PLYMOUTH. At the May communion 42 new members were received into the church, more than half of whom were young people who received their training in the societies and Sunday School. A history and directory of the church is about to be published. Rev. T. T. Giffen is the pastor.

CALAVERAS COUNTY. Rev. John T. Munton, the pastor, reports Memorial Day services well attended, with members of the American Legion present. A pageant entitled "Mothers of the Bible" was given on Mothers' Day and enthusiastically received. Two new members have been received.

PORT CHICAGO. Mr. Raymond L. Cramer, the pastor, will conduct Vacation Schools at Avon and Ambrose in addition to the one at Port Chicago. Children from Clyde and Nichols will be brought in to the Port Chicago school.

SANTA ROSA. Superintendent Harley H. Gill was speaker at the May Fellowship supper. There was a goodly attendance, and all present manifested a spirit of courage and optimism. Rev. J. J. Jones is the pastor.

MARTINEZ. Ten young people united with the church in the Easter class. Rev. Harvey V. Miller is the pastor.

NEW JUNIOR COLLEGE

The San Francisco Y. M. C. A. will launch a Junior College with the opening of the next semester, to be known as the Golden Gate Junior College. It will be co-educational and open to High School graduates. It will be housed in the Central Y. M. C. A. Building, using the quarters which are now occupied by the evening professional schools. Courses of study are planned to meet the needs of those desiring a Junior certificate and admission to the Junior year of the University; also of those desiring to meet pre-legal requirements of law schools, and of those who are unable to continue beyond the Junior College course. Tuition and other expenses are being kept to the lowest possible level consistent with high scholarship. It is felt that such an institution under Protestant auspices with a Christian atmosphere, will fulfill a real need.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES AND THEIR LEADERS

GRASS VALLEY. Sunday, May 21st, was a big day in the Grass Valley church. A motor caravan deposited at the church door 53 members of the Loomis congregation uniting with the local church in the morning hour of worship. The visiting delegation brought its own choir and organist and provided special music for the occasion. A bountiful basket lunch was served in the lower church parlors, after which an organ recital and other musical features were enjoyed before the guests departed for their Placer County homes.

THE PACIFIC is advised of the marriage on Friday evening, May 18th, of Miss Frances Chapel, youngest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. E. O. Chapel, to Everett C. Thomas, assistant to the President of the United Air Line with headquarters in Chicago, the groom being the son of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Thomas of Grass Valley. The auditorium of the church was taxed to its utmost by friends who had gathered to witness the wedding service, the bride's father, pastor of the church, officiating. Cathedral organ and harp provided special musical selections for the occasion. A reception followed in the parsonage. After a tour of Southern California and Mexico the young people returned to Oakland, where they embarked by plane for Chicago, their future home.

AMBROSE. This baby church of our fellowship is proving to be a very active youngster. A Building Committee has been formed, and the promise of a donation of a building site has been secured. Plans are under way for raising the money, and it is hoped that by autumn the organization may be in its new home. At the present time practically all of the breadwinners of the Ambrose district are employed in the factories and mills of the vicinity. They have recently received three new members.

BENICIA. In spite of decline in the size of the community, the church is making definite progress. A larger average congregation has been in attendance in May than in previous months. There is a monthly Sunday evening supper, following which missionary slides and lectures are presented. New hymn books were secured before Easter and have been paid for. The pastor, Rev. Ernest Houlding, has been invited to be on the faculty of the Young People's Conference near Fall River Mills.

SAN FRANCISCO. OCEAN VIEW. The attendance during and since the Lenten season has shown a marked improvement. The Young People's Society has set a goal of 10 for Asilomar. In the Vacation Church School studies will be made of the Japanese and Chinese work in San Francisco. More than 60 mothers and daughters were present at a recent banquet. Rev. James D. Salmon is the pastor.

OROVILLE. Rev. W. J. Johnson, the beloved pastor of this church, met with a painful but not fatal automobile accident early in May and has been confined to the hospital for several weeks. He is making steady progress and soon hopes to be in active work again.

ALAMEDA. On May 21st a Monterey Pine was planted beside the church, which will be a living memorial to Mrs. W. W. Whitman. THE PACIFIC joins with the Alameda Church in expressing to Mother Whitman love and good wishes.

SARATOGA. This church is celebrating its Sixtieth Anniversary on Sunday, June 4th. Former members, officers and friends will be present at the morning service to participate in the celebration. Greetings will be read from Rev. C. S. Osgood and Rev. Roscoe D. Douglass, the only two living former pastors.

This church was founded by eight women and two men. Within three or four years a new building was erected. The Home Missionary Society invested aid for three or four years, but this has been repaid in missionary contributions of the church many times over. It is interesting that this church has been served by three members of the Palmer family: the present pastor, Rev. Burton M. Palmer; his father, Rev. A. N. Palmer, who was with the church from 1879 to 1881; and his uncle, Rev. C. M. Palmer, who was pastor one year, 1882 to 1883.

The Northern California Conference and THE PACIFIC join with our Saratoga friends in congratulations and good wishes for the coming days.

KENSINGTON. As the first year of this enterprise draws to a close, a local directing committee of nine persons has been formed. A budget for the coming year has been adopted, and a canvass for funds will be made in the community early in August. Twenty-six mothers were guests of honor at the Mothers' Day service of the Sunday School.

Before the next issue of The PACIFIC, wedding bells will ring out for Mr. John H. Gregg, the director. During the coming year Mr. and Mrs. Gregg will live in the Fellowship House and will be associated together in its direction.

PITTSBURG. Mothers' Day was observed at both morning and evening services, recitations and music making up the major part of the program at night. This church has a Troop of 22 Boy Scouts and has recently organized a Junior Christian Endeavor Society. Mr. Don Jones, Bachelor of Music from the College of the Pacific, and the son of Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Jones of Santa Rosa, is the church organist. Rev. C. C. Champlin, the pastor, has announced a Vacation Church School for two weeks in June.

NILES. Eight additional members were received into the church the first Sunday of June. This brings the total of accessions to 32 since the ordination of the pastor, Rev. E. G. Brinkmeyer, a year ago. The membership of the church is now 86, of which 40 have united during the present pastorate. The Sunday School shows an increase of 10 per cent during this year over that of a year ago. The minister and his wife are spending their vacation in Kansas and Nebraska.

CERES. Rev. James E. Enman, who has undertaken the pastorate of the church for six months, reports that an Intermediate Christian Endeavor Society with 16 charter members has been organized. Mr. and Mrs. Enman are doing consistent pastoral work, having called on 80 per cent of the resident members. The grounds around parsonage and church are being put in order.

SAN CARLOS. The Christian Endeavor Society put on a Mothers' Day Sunday evening service which was largely attended. Rev. Reed B. Cherington is the pastor.

CLOVERDALE. For the past year the Cloverdale Church has been stressing attendance at its services and has been meeting with marked success. During the last two months of 1931 the attendance record was kept at each service, and the average of this period was made a basis from which to reckon percentage. During an attendance contest with a neighboring church for the period from Christmas till Easter, the percentage would often reach 300, and after it was over it never fell to the old level. For the whole year, indeed, the percentage at the morning service was nearly 200 and at the evening service nearly 150. Another attendance contest has just been concluded, this time with the Christian Church of Healdsburg. Again Cloverdale has won out, and a picnic was given it by the defeated church on the 17th of May. Rev. H. S. Davidson is the pastor.

BERKELEY. CHINESE. At a special communion service on Sunday, May 14th, which was presided over by Superintendent Harley H. Gill, 4 children and 4 adults received Christian baptism. Under the leadership of Mr. T. T. Taam, the entire building is being painted inside and out. The Conference has undertaken to furnish material, and if possible to provide something in the way of wages for the boys who will do the work and who are badly in need of employment. Contributions for this purpose will be thankfully received by the Conference office. A very attractive news sheet has recently been issued, the editing and mimeographing being done by the pastors and the members. It appears both in English and in Chinese.

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST. During the interim between pastorates, this pulpit has been supplied by Rev. Harley H. Gill, Superintendent; Prof. G. P. Hedley of the Pacific School of Religion; Rev. Dwight J. Bradley of Newton Center, Massachusetts; Rev. David F. Doull, Oswego, New York; and Rev. Willard B. Thorp of Palo Alto. Dr. Jason Noble Pierce begins his ministry on June 4th, after driving across the continent from Norfolk, Virginia. Mrs. Pierce and the other members of the family will follow later in the summer.

OAKLAND. PILGRIM. A monthly bulletin of this church shows 21 days out of the month used for some sort of church activity. Dr. Aurelia H. Reinhardt of Mills College was the speaker at the Mothers' and Daughters' banquet. Rev. Horton Colbert, the minister, was a speaker at the Philosophers' Club, which meets at the Oakland Plaza on Sunday afternoon and discusses social and economic problems.

SAN FRANCISCO. GRACE UNITED. Mention was made in the last month's PACIFIC of the "balance-the-budget" campaign. Readers will be interested to know that the total thus raised amounted to more than $2,600. One devoted member gave $750 on condition that the balance was raised, and Rev. James H. Price, Assistant Pastor, led in the effort.

PETALUMA. A Spring Institute, held Sunday evenings at 7 o'clock, is a feature of the program of this church. Young people are following a course on the "Ideals of Jesus," and adults are being led by Rev. Noel Breed, the pastor, in a discussion of "Re-Thinking Missions." The Institute is opened with a service of worship and is followed by a period of good-fellowship.

ALTURAS. Under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Loken, this church is making progress. The young people's work is going beautifully, and hopes to send a delegation to Asilomar as well as to the Northeastern California Conference. Vacation Church School will be held in June. The church is looking forward to the celebration of its Fiftieth Anniversary sometime early in the autumn. It is hoped that this occasion may be combined with the annual meeting of the Modoc Association. There have been encouraging gatherings on special occasions, such as Easter, Mothers' Day and Memorial Day, although the weather has been anything but pleasant, with snow, sleet and bitter cold day after day.

FRESNO. PILGRIM. At the Mothers' Day service, Rev. M. G. Papazian, the pastor, was reminded that 42 years before, he had preached from the same text, at which time the newspaper in Rowley, Massachusetts, printed the sermon in full. A reading of that sermon brings home the conviction that the problems in the training of young people were very much the same then as now. Dr. Papazian is Moderator of the Armenian Evangelical Union, which held its annual meeting in Los Angeles the latter part of May. Pilgrim Church and the pastor joined with the Armenian Presbyterian Church and the Holy Trinity Gregorian Church of Fresno in observance of the nineteen hundredth anniversary of the Crucifixion.

FAIRFAX. Rev. James W. Price, the pastor, has been confined to the house for several weeks with a broken ankle. He reports that more pastoral contacts were made than during a similar period when he was enjoying good health, for the people of the community—Catholic, Jewish, Christian Science and Protestant—made a procession in visiting the minister. New vestments for the choir have been provided. Four of the young men of the Fellowship are now in the Forestry Service. Superintendent Harley H. Gill preached in the church on June 4th.

LOOMIS. Under the leadership of Mrs. Albert Law, the young people of the Sunday School Friendship Class recently gave an entertainment taxing the capacity of the Loomis Grammar School Auditorium. The program was later repeated in the auditorium of the Congregational Church at Grass Valley, the proceeds going toward a fund being raised for pulpit furnishings in the Loomis Church.

TRINITY COUNTY. Three new Sunday Schools have been organized. Mrs. May E. Sweatt is in charge at Hyampom, Mrs. Blanche A. Hoelling at Peanut, and Mr. Stevens at Big Bar. Supplies for the quarter have been supplied to Hyampom and Peanut, and Bibles to Big Bar.

COTATI. A Vacation Church School will be held from June 19th to 30th. Mr. Milton Gabrielson is serving as pastor of the church.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

Edited by Mrs. Chauncey J. Hawkins

The Executive Meeting of the Women's Federation is held the third Thursday of every month at 10:15 a. m. in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

A SPRING PUZZLE

Begin with carloads of happy people, a ferry trip over sparkling waters, swift riding along broad highways, bordered by rolling hills besprinkled with spring flowers, and scenery unsurpassed in all the world. Next put in place the attractive church (Dr. Noel J. Breed, pastor), overflowing with cordial, welcoming friends and every comfort provided for guests. Slip in a few reports to show that the Federation and Associations are functioning properly. With this background and 258 people, add a few sidelights on the educational work being done at San Quentin Prison, followed by pleas for the immediate introduction into ALL of our churches of temperance education, to reveal the facts and fallacies of the liquor problem, and then pungent remarks on negro problems and progress.

A play, "The Two Masters," finely rendered and ably directed by our First Vice-President, Mrs. Frank Greene, added color and effectiveness to the growing puzzle, while the beautiful devotional service by Mrs. E. V. Krick focussed attention on deep spiritual truths. Our President, Mrs. C. T. Tinker, in her direct and winsome way, bound all together, making our spring puzzle a beautiful, kaleidoscopic picture of lasting value and deep spiritual significance to all who attended.

THREE KNOWS

So many have spoken of the Three Knows, used in Mrs. E. V. Krick's devotional service at Petaluma, that we are printing them:

As Frederick Bridgman, a missionary of the American Board to South Africa, lay dying (being in America on a furlough), his wife asked him if he had a message for the hundreds of blacks waiting for him in Africa. He said: "Yes; tell them I am clinging to the three knows of Paul. First, 'I know Whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.' That takes care of all the past. For the present, 'For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God'; and for the future, 'For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens'."

DRUGGISTS TAKE NOTICE

The New York City, New York State, and the National Pharmaceutical Associations, have adopted resolutions AGAINST legalizing the sale of beer in drug stores. The secretary of the New York State Association says: "Right down the line, from the big shops to the little ones, most of the druggists are taking the long view of the situation. They simply don't want to handle beer."

The well-known Schrafft Stores of New York City, and three big Chicago concerns—Marshall Field & Company, Montgomery Ward & Company, and Sears, Roebuck & Company — are neither serving beer in their restaurants nor selling it in any way, wholesale or retail. The last two concerns have stores in Oakland and have adopted the same policy.

PETALUMA EXCERPTS

Men in prison are as intelligent as those outside, but they don't know how to "hook up" with society. Fifty per cent of those in prison are boys of 17 to 21, the average age being 29. Average time in prison is nine months. Help children to be individuals. Mothers sometimes hold the reins too long. You can't hive them like ants. What we know NOW is important, not what we once knew; not that Caesar crossed the Rubicon once, but who is crossing NOW. Gear into life. (Shuder.)

Face facts. Begin temperance education at the bottom and in EVERY church. The brewers already have a million dollars lined up for advertising in our college dailies; their aim, a page in every daily. (Pendleton.)

KINGSLEY EPIGRAMS

"If you get people satisfied, they never will want to work any more. However beautiful a location you have, there are problems; however ugly, there are compensations. You can often tackle things more by ridicule than by getting hot under the collar. To get at grips with people who suffer is the finest spiritual work for ourselves. That's the Gospel, to help people in their problems. I'm sure there's something wrong with other people, but there may be something wrong with me. Prayer is the dynamic of the church, if it is; but if it isn't, it isn't. If we don't bring Jesus Christ to people in the cities, someone else is going to take something else to them."

MAY MEETING BRIEFS

A genuine, heartfelt welcome was given Mrs. Harley H. Gill after her months of absence. She led the memorial service for Mrs. W. C. Morken. After reporting 400 members of the Prayer Circle, she said First Church, Oakland, had the largest number of subscribers, 100. Alameda comes next.

Worship was emphasized in program work by Mrs. Gail Cleland, and attention was called to the Envelope Series, especially the one on "Five Hours With China." In August and September Mrs. Cleland will conduct half-hour Seminars after lunch on the adult mission study book, with latest aids from Asilomar, where she and Miss Baudin will represent us at the M. E. M. Conference.

Miss Helen Perkins, in her usual vivid way, stressed the needs of the migrant workers for baby clothes, bandages, pictures and games. Send to Miss Eva Barnes, Ceres, California. A late "Literary Digest" reviewed the work of the famous Riggs family and their 100 years at the Santee Training School in Nebraska, at one time a foreign mission station under the American Board.

Mrs. James Hazlett, a friendly rival of Miss Perkins in interesting mission news, announced that one of our own California boys, in whom we are deeply interested, Dr. Leonard Wilbur, son of Judge and Mrs. Curtis D. Wilbur, will soon sail for China with his bride, to become an American Board missionary at Taiku. He will work with Dr. Vincent Wagner, who has borne a heavy load since Dr. Hemingway's death. The women of the Federation extend their sincere good wishes to Dr. Wilbur and his bride, and will follow their work with deep interest.

Mrs. W. C. Morken

The day following our Petaluma meeting, one of our most faithful and best-loved workers stepped over the thesholrd of this life into the Heavenly Home. At the impressive memorial service of the Executive Board, the one word expressive of her was given as "devotion"; devotion to home, family, church, missions, friends, and every good cause. Always cheerful, attributing the best to everyone, and giving her best to every good work at all times, she left us. The beauty of her life, her optimism, her faith, will ever remain an inspiration to all who were privileged to know her.

ONLY A STEP

We knew not when we clasped her hand
Her nearness to that other land.
We did not know her lovelit eyes
Reflected rays from sunnier skies.
We did not sense that call so clear
Was meant for one we held so dear.
And while we stand and softly weep,
She lies so peacefully asleep.

Only a step from there to here,
The Home of those we hold so dear.
And if, like her's, our summons come,
May we, like her, find God and Home.

SOUL AND BODY IN CHINA

Stipulating that his ashes be buried in China by the side of his wife, Dr. Arthur H. Smith, who died August 31, 1932, in Claremont, California, made sure that when his earthly work was over he would return to the land he had loved and served for so many years. A beautiful memorial service was held in Tunghsien recently, we are told, with the President of Tsinghua University among those who gathered to honor Dr. Smith. It was Dr. Smith who suggested to President Roosevelt the return of the Boxer Indemnity money for educational work. Shortly before his death Dr. Smith received a note from a friend "to while away the dull moments." Characteristically, Dr. Smith commented: "I am grateful to her for her thought of me, but tell her I have no dull moments."

H. H. Wolford Improving

Rev. Harley H. Wolford, who has been temporarily incapacitated for active service by illness, is now living at Stockton and is making very satisfactory progress in the restoration of his health. The pastors of our churches recently made up a fellowship fund to help him with the expense of his illness, and he desires to express to each one his sincere thanks and appreciation of the interest and affection which this help has revealed.

LINCOLN LEGION CARDS

The Conference office is now prepared to furnish "Declaration of Principles" cards for the Lincoln Legion. It will be remembered that the April issue of THE PACIFIC was devoted to the Lincoln Legion, which is our Conference contribution to education on the effects of alcohol. In that issue the "Declaration of Principles" with the enrollment blank was printed. It has now been reproduced on cards for individual enlistment, and will be furnished at cost: 75 cents per hundred.

RE-THINKING MISSIONS CHEAP EDITION FOR SALE

The paper-covered edition of "Re-Thinking Missions" is still available. During the Association meetings this spring many copies were sold and others ordered. Every member of a church should read this book before he passes any comment or opinion regarding the missionary enterprise of today. The Conference office will undertake to supply copies to anyone interested; price, 35 cents each plus postage.

PRONOUNCING "JEHOL"

Do you know how to pronounce that much-discussed province in China—Jehol? According to Dr. Martin it sounds like "Rauh Huh" and it means "Hot River"! Japan doubtless wished to secure Jehol to act as a buffer between the newly-forged nation, Manchuko, and China proper. "Kuo," on the tail of Manchukuo, means "Country" or "Kingdom," so the name dissolves into Manchu Kingdom.

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